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SUBJ: KIM KYUNG WOOK'S APPEARANCE BEFORE FRASER COMMITTEE

1. DURING JUNE 14 MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR HE UNDERSTOOD FORMER KCIA DIRECTOR KIM KYUNG WOOK WOULD APPEAR BEFORE FRASER COMMITTEE JUNE 22. ROKG HOPED HE SAID THAT DEPARTMENT COULD INFORM COMMITTEE THAT AS FORMER ROKG OFFICIAL, WHO IS STILL CONSIDERED BY ROKG TO BE KOREAN CITIZEN, KIM HYUNG WOOK IS BOUND TO OBSERVE HIS OBLIGATION UNDER KOREAN LAW THAT NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CAN DISCLOSE INFORMATION OF SENSITIVE NATURE WHICH HE HAD COME TO KNOW WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES. PAK SAID THAT SINCE KIM WAS IN THE UNITED STATES ROKG HAD NO PHYSICAL JURISDICTION OVER HIM, BUT HE THOUGHT FRASER COMMITTEE SHOULD KNOW OF KIM'S OBLIGATIONS AND HOPED MOREOVER COMMITTEE WOULD NOT FORCE KIM TO VIOLATE THESE OBLIGATIONS.

2. IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR AGREED TO CONVEY FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT, BUT UNDERScoreD THAT WHATEVER IT DECIDED TO DO, DEPARTMENT NEITHER COULD NOT WOULD ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE OR CURTAIL COMMITTEE'S OR KIM'S COMPLETE FREEDOM OF ACTION.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT IF ANY ACTION TAKEN.

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